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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Over the years, advances in technology and communication have become more and more integrated into our daily lives, specifically access to wireless and mobile broadband. Not only is the use of wireless and mobile broadband aiding in the development of business and our economy, but more importantly, it is aiding in the education of future generations who will be the foundation for new innovation and advancement of existing fields.

I am currently enrolled as a nursing student at Dabney Lancaster Community College located in Clifton Forge, VA. Access to wireless internet is a crucial necessity for me, and practically any other student in Virginia, if they want to succeed in their studies. I use my laptop and smart phone to communicate with my professors and classmates. I also depend on these devices to check my email, grades, and assignments. These are all reasons why I support LightSquared's effort to develop a mobile broadband network. A new mobile broadband network will allow me and many other students to have convenient and reliable access to information at all times.

It is also important to point out that Clifton Forge, VA is located in a more rural portion of the state. Luckily, Clifton Forge is not underserved in broadband service. Had this service been limited in this area, it would be safe to say that I would not have had the choice of selecting which school to attend or where I wanted to complete my education. LightSquared's proposal will also include expanding and improving broadband infrastructure to include more rural areas that are underserved. While the economic and social benefits of such an endeavor are obvious, it should be clear that access to wireless and mobile broadband is no longer just a luxury for some, but a necessity for all.

I urge you to support LightSquared and their endeavors to improve access to broadband in the new century. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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